



YRBSS

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Trends in the Prevalence of Sexual Behaviors

What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national YRBS monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	Changes from 1991 – 2001 ¹	Change from 1999 – 2001 ²
Ever had sexual intercourse							
54.1 (±3.5) ³	53.0 (±2.7)	53.1 (±4.5)	48.4 (±3.1)	49.9 (±3.7)	45.6 (±2.3)	Decreased, 1991 – 2001	No change
Had 4 or more sex partners during lifetime							
18.7 (±2.1)	18.7 (±2.0)	17.8 (±2.7)	16.0 (±1.4)	16.2 (±2.6)	14.2 (±1.2)	Decreased, 1991 – 2001	No change
Currently sexually active (Had sexual intercourse during the 3 months preceding the survey.)							
37.5 (±3.1)	37.5 (±2.1)	37.9 (±3.5)	34.8 (±2.2)	36.3 (±3.5)	33.4 (±2.0)	No change, 1991 – 2001	No change
Condom use during last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)							
46.2 (±3.3)	52.8 (±2.7)	54.4 (±3.5)	56.8 (±1.6)	58.0 (±4.2)	57.9 (±2.2)	Increased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2001	No change
Birth control pill use before last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)							
20.8 (±2.3)	18.4 (±2.1)	17.4 (±2.2)	16.6 (±2.0)	16.2 (±2.6)	18.2 (±1.7)	Decreased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2001	No change
Alcohol or drug use at last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)							
21.6 (±2.9)	21.3 (±2.0)	24.8 (±2.8)	24.7 (±1.8)	24.8 (±3.0)	25.6 (±1.7)	Increased, 1991 – 2001	No change
Taught about AIDS/HIV in school							
83.3 (±2.8)	86.1 (±2.4)	86.3 (±5.9)	91.5 (±1.1)	90.6 (±1.4)	89.0 (±1.3)	Increased, 1991 – 1997 No change, 1997 – 2001	No change

¹ Based on linear and quadratic trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

² Based on T-test analyses.

³ 95% confidence interval.

Where can I find more information?

More information about the YRBSS is available at www.cdc.gov/yrbss or call (888)231-6405.



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